AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 8 and 9; amend Claim 1; and add new Claim 12 as follows.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A pivot joint comprising:

an inner member having an outer surface and an end surface generally perpendicular to said outer surface:

an elastomeric member disposed around said inner member, said outer surface and said end surface of said inner member being rotatable within said elastomeric member; and

[[an]] a cup-shaped outer member disposed around said elastomeric member, said cup-shaped elastomeric member defining an outer wall, a closed end and a fully open end, said cup-shaped elastomeric member being fixedly secured to said outer member, said ~~outer member having a first portion~~ outer wall being disposed opposite to said outer surface of said inner member and ~~a second portion~~ said closed end being disposed opposite to said end surface of said inner member~~; and~~

~~a low friction member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member, said low friction member being separate from said elastomeric member~~.

2. (cancelled)

3. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said inner member rotates within said elastomeric member around an axis.

4. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 3 further comprising an axial retention member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member.

5. (original) The pivot joint described in Claim 4 wherein said axial retention member comprises a groove formed in one of said inner member and said elastomeric member and a rib formed on the other of said inner member and said elastomeric member, said rib being disposed within said groove.

6.-9. (cancelled)

10. (previously presented) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said low friction member coats said inner member.

11. (previously presented) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 wherein said elastomeric member is bonded to said outer member.

12. (new) The pivot joint described in Claim 1 further comprising a low friction member disposed between said inner member and said elastomeric member, said low friction member being separate from said elastomeric member.